

## PART 481 - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

### Subpart B - Certification for Payment of Grassed Waterways

IN481.1 (b)(2)

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(a) For waterways seeded within the approved seeding time period (March 1-September 30) the following information must be provided.

(1) When all of the below items have been provided or completed, the NRCS representative may certify the grassed waterway for cost-share.

(a) Landowner or contractor provides seed tags documenting % Pure Live Seed and total pounds seeded on the waterway. Totals must meet minimum rates specified for the grassed waterway.

(b) Landowner or contractor provides weigh tickets or other appropriate documentation to show that fertilizer was applied as specified for the grassed waterway.

(c) Landowner or contractor provides documentation for the quantities of erosion control blanket as specified for the grassed waterway.

(d) Landowner or contractor certifies erosion control blanket was installed according to the manufacturer's specifications if it was specified for this waterway. This is documented on IN-ENG-65 form and signed by the installer.

(e) All other required documentation has been completed, including "as built" plans.

(2) When waterway is constructed and temporary seeded between May 10 and August 1, then erosion control blanket may not be required if the temporary seeding is adequate and erosion is under control. See Field Office Technical Guide Standard 412, Grassed Waterway, under vegetative establishment.

(b) For grassed waterways seeded outside of the approved seeding time period the following information is needed.

(1) NRCS Policy prohibits seeding grassed waterways between September 30<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> unless a waiver is approved by the NRCS State Agronomist. All waivers from the State Agronomist must be in writing or by email. If the landowner elects to seed a waterway outside of the approved time period, the landowner must assume the responsibility for re-construction and re-seeding if the waterway fails due to lack of vegetation establishment.

(2) The landowners decision to seed outside the approved time periods must be documented on IN-ENG-66 and signed by the landowner.

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IN481.2 (3)(d)

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(3) In addition, the following conditions must be met before NRCS will certify the waterway for payment.

(a) Items (a)(1)(a – e) listed above must be completed.

(b) There must be at least 60 plants per square foot of the planted species (permanent grasses and legumes) growing uniformly on the waterway.

(c) The permanent grass species must be actively growing and be developed to at least the three leaf stage.

(d) The grassed waterway must be stable and there should be no evidence of rills that would indicate the waterway is actively eroding.

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